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Response to Restriction/Election Requirement

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action of December 11, 2003.  
Applicant hereby elects for substantive examination, the invention of group II (claims 34-58).

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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